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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC § 121 AND 372

Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group II with claims 5 - 14 drawn to a device for manufacturing a honeycomb structure.

Applicant respectfully requests that the requirement be reconsidered in view of the close relationship between the resulting honeycomb structure and the device for forming the honeycomb structure. The technical features of claim 1 are closely related to the device for forming those same features as specified in claim 5. The device features including welding sections guiding the flexible material strips relate directly to the same flexible material strips of claim 1 as well as the finger system which allow for the connection at contact points. This direct relationship between the honeycomb structure and the device of forming the honeycomb structure are such that restriction should not be considered proper in this case. Further, a single search is advantageous in view of the close relationship between the structure of honeycomb

and the device for manufacturing the structure.

Favorable action on the merits and reconsideration of the requirement are requested.

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